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1. At 1100 on 2 February 1955, 4 of the repeatedly observed new tanks with turtle-shaped turret and 1 tank with a round flat onion-shaped turret conducted driving practices at the Gentzrode post training grounds.

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1. Comment. Driving and firing practices of tanks of a new type (T-54's?) of the 12th Gds Tank Div were repeatedly observed at the post training grounds near Neuruppin. A tank with a T-34 chassis and a flat round onion-shaped turret has so far not been observed in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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2. Comment. The photographs of the new tanks show the following features:

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Vaulted almost hemispherical turret in the middle of the tank hull; characteristic gun shield; two turret hatches.

Tracks and suspensions similar to a T-34 tank, however with the idler wheel higher at the nose and the upper part of the track more sagging.

Distance between the first and the second bogie wheel apparently larger than with the T-34 tank; which possibly makes for a larger track area on the ground. (Bodenaufilage der Kette).

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Gun without muzzle brake, but with a longer barrel (about 3,900 to 4,000 mm) than that of a T-34 tank; caliber definitely not larger than 100 mm.

Total height up to the turret hatch approximately 2,400 mm, i.e. 300 mm lower than a T-34.

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Driver's hatch on the left side before the turret.

Rolled tarpaulin or fuel container fitted to the rear of the turret.

Attachments: 7 photographs of T-54 tank

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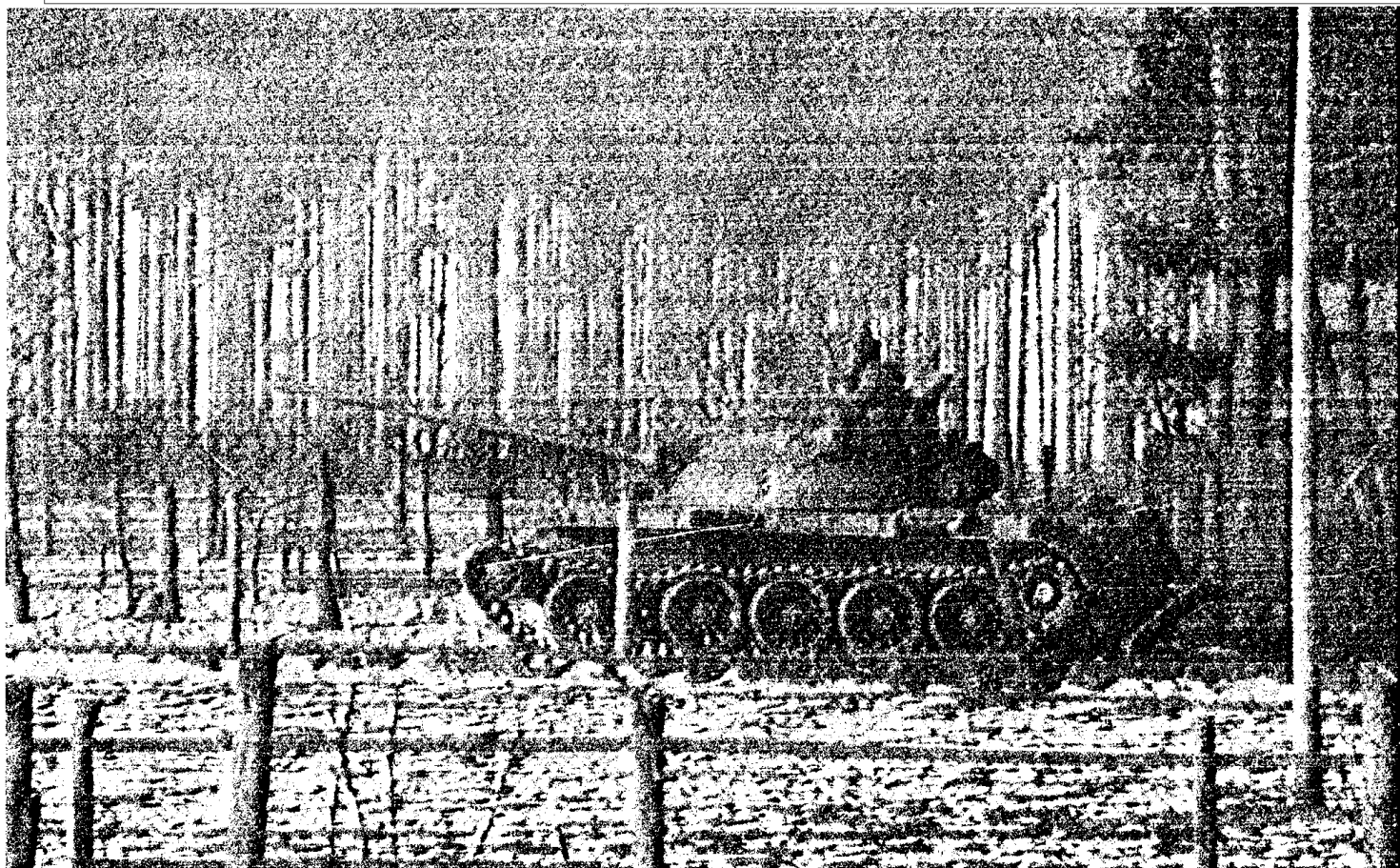
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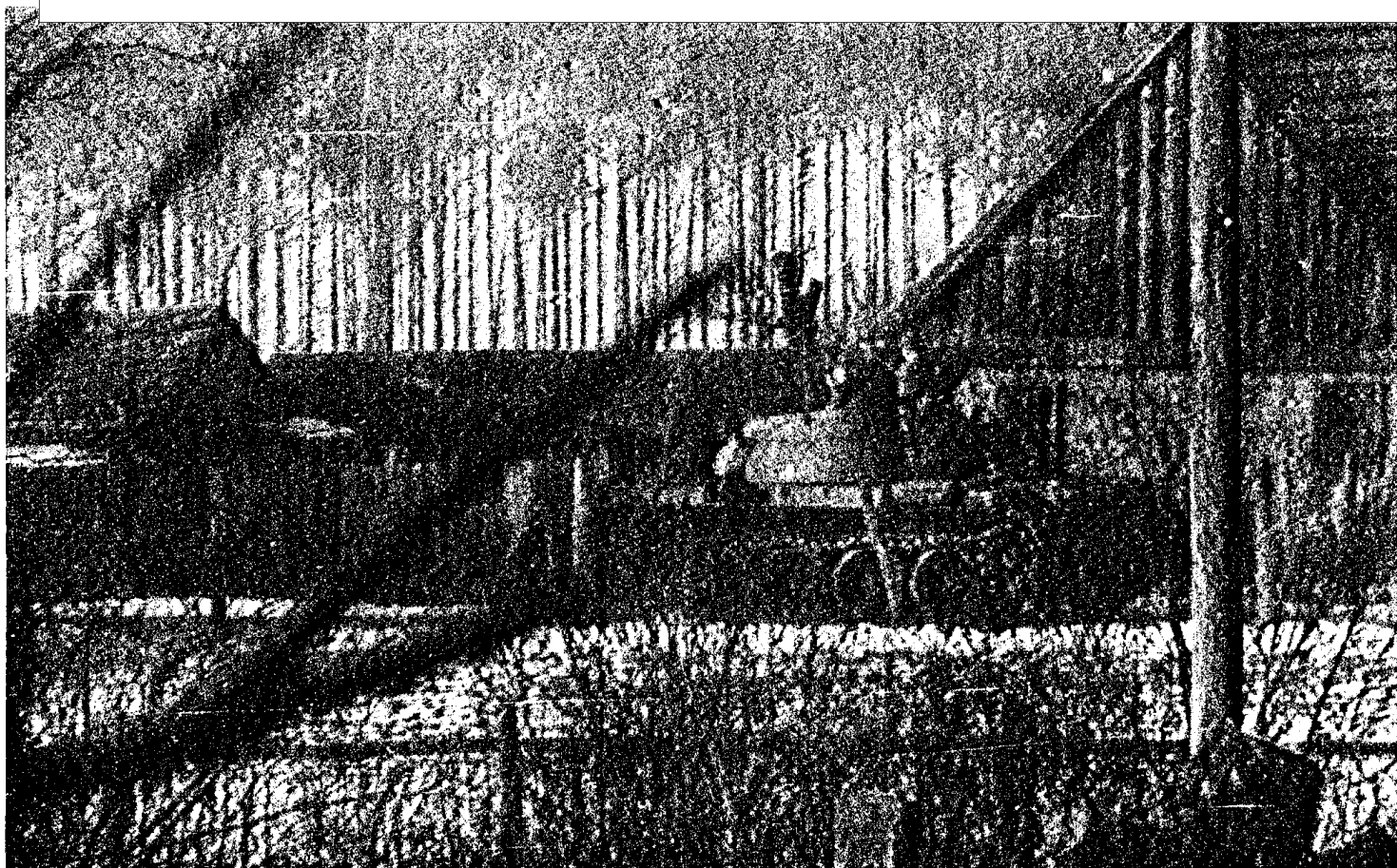
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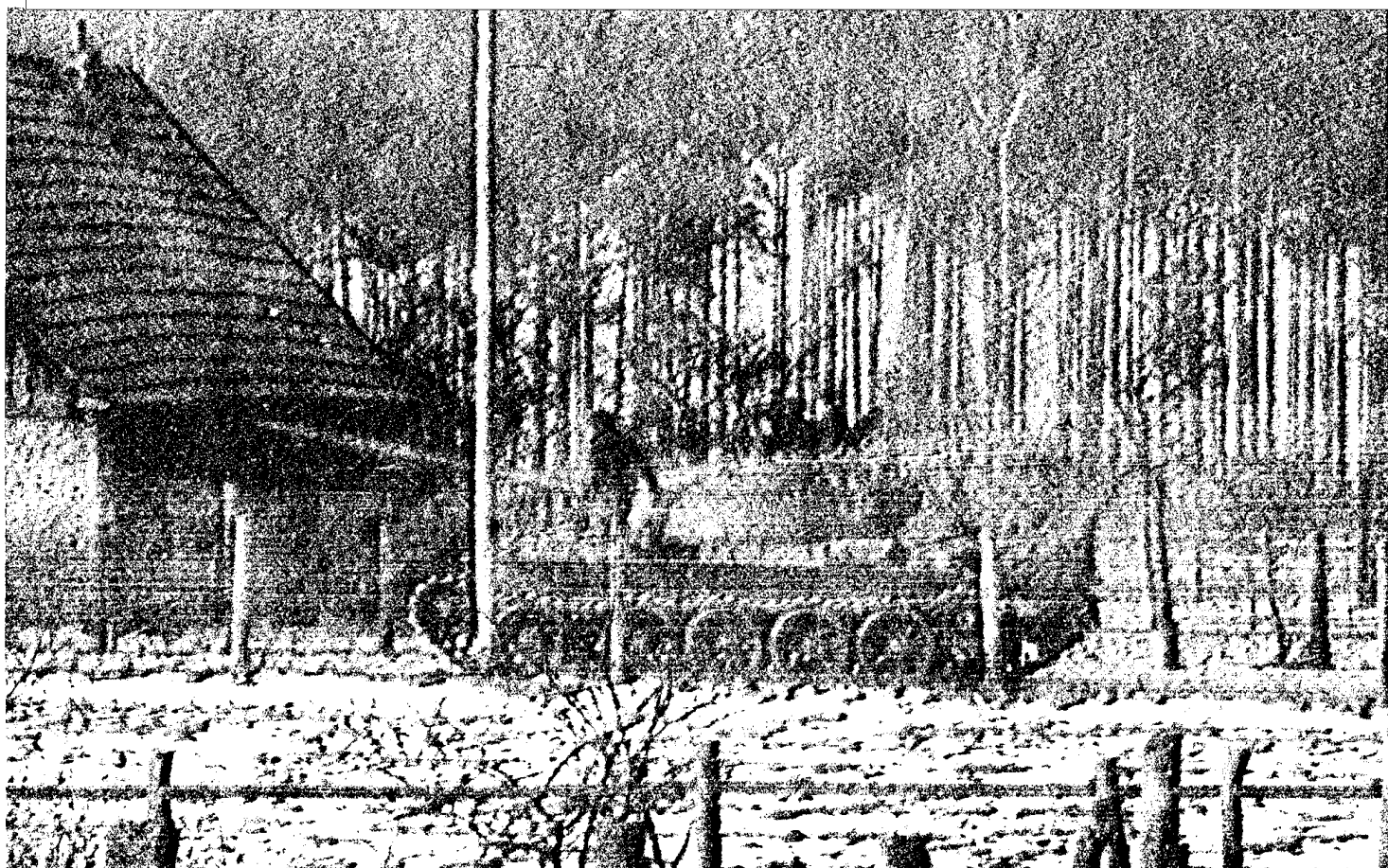
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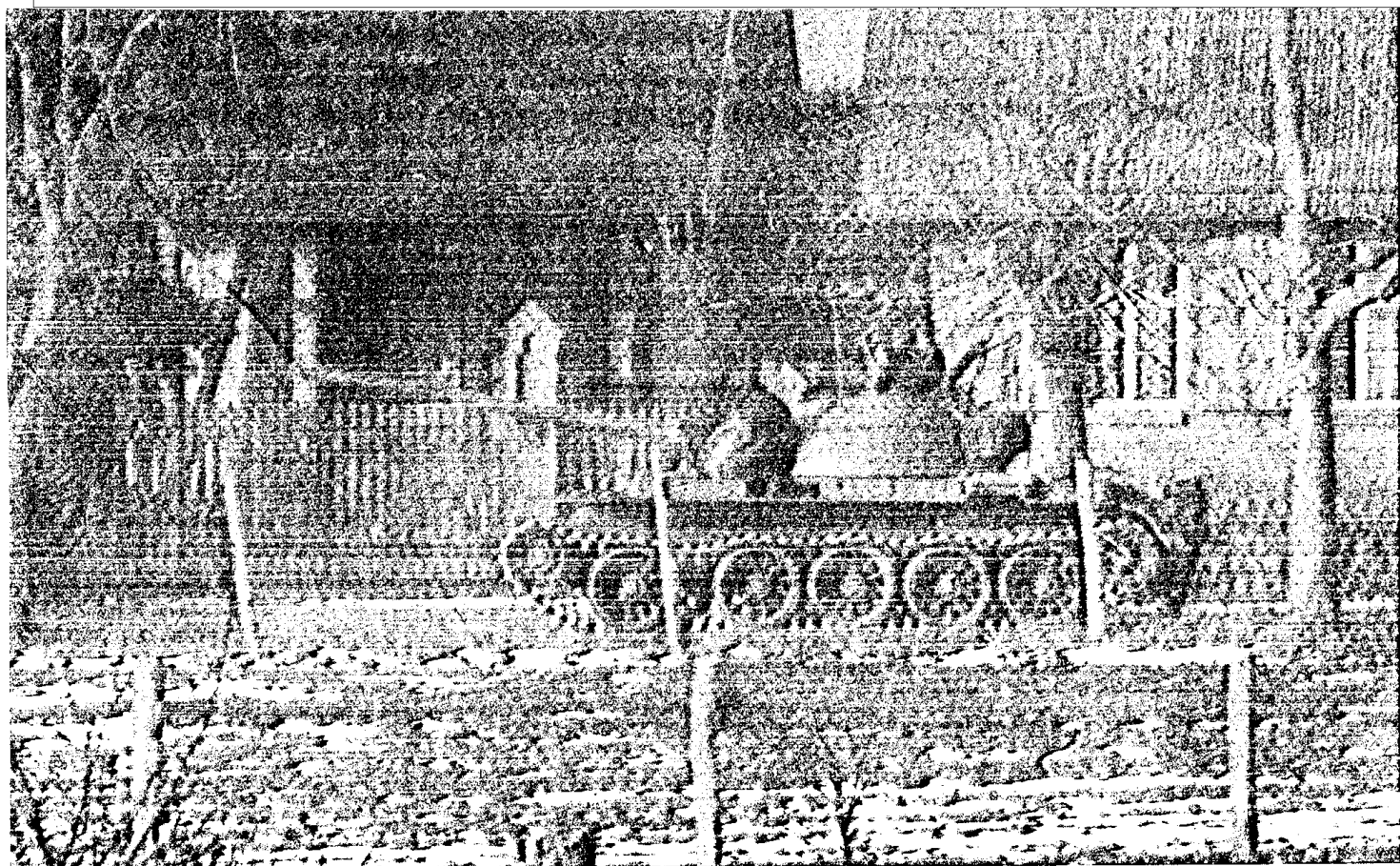


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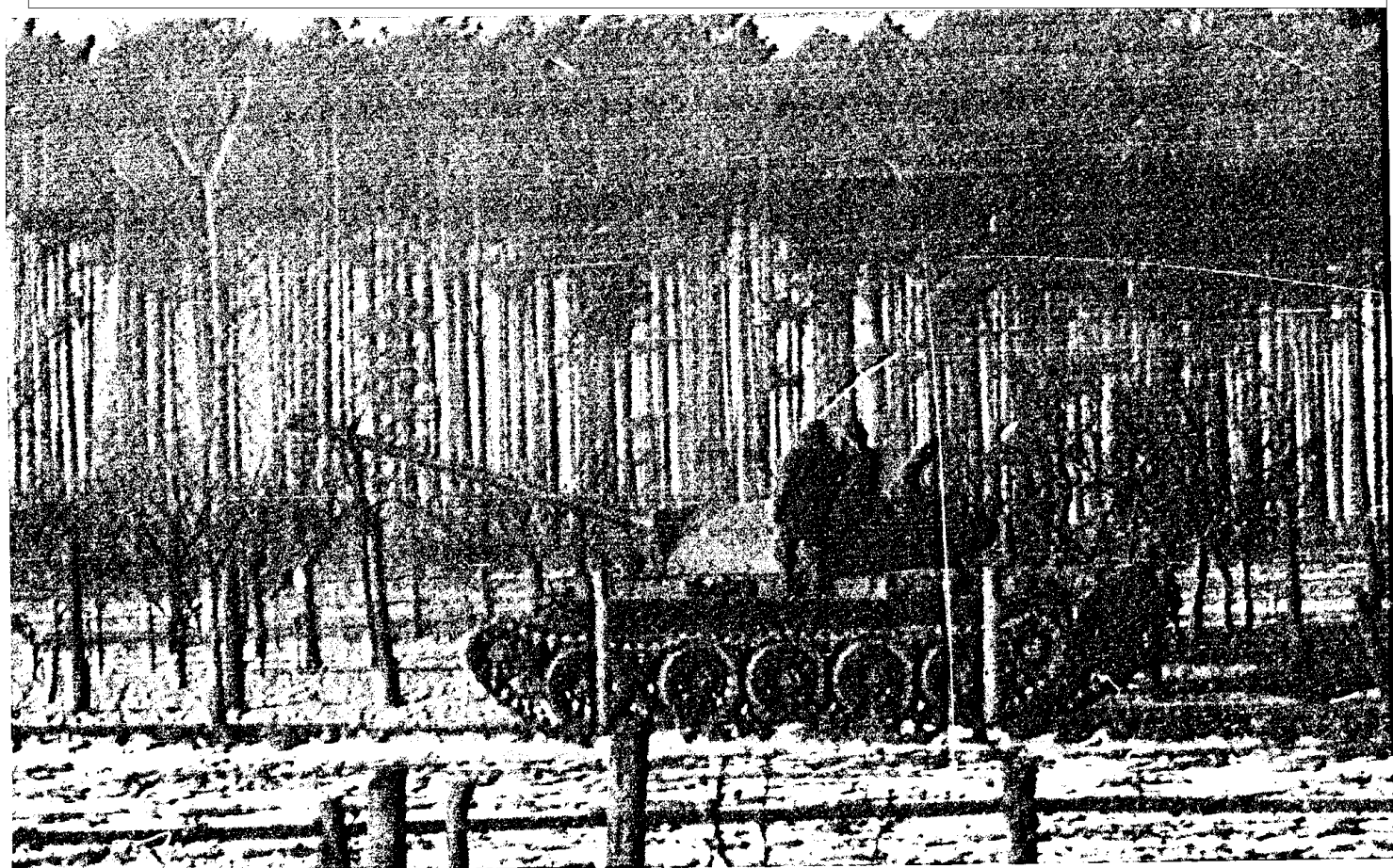
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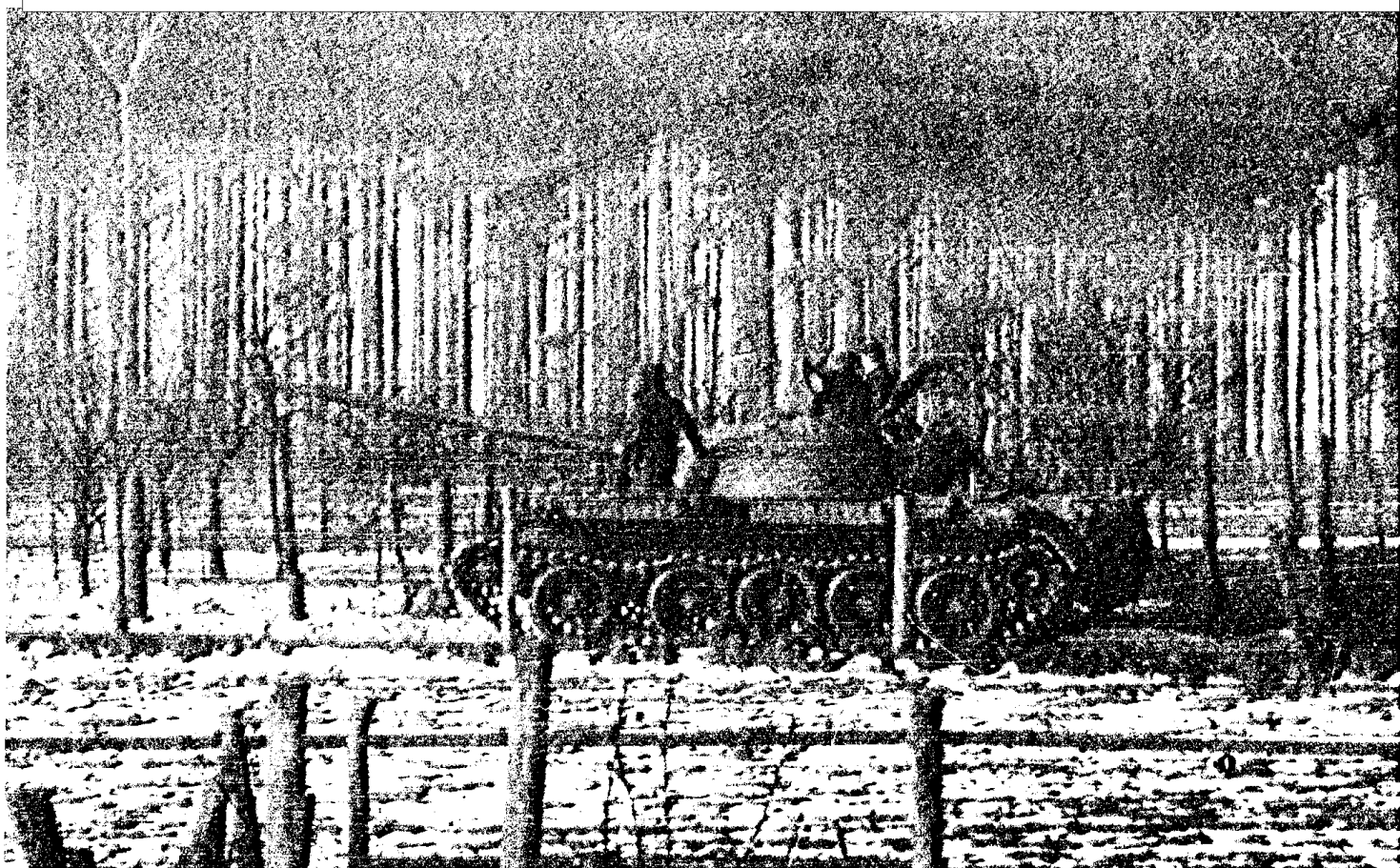


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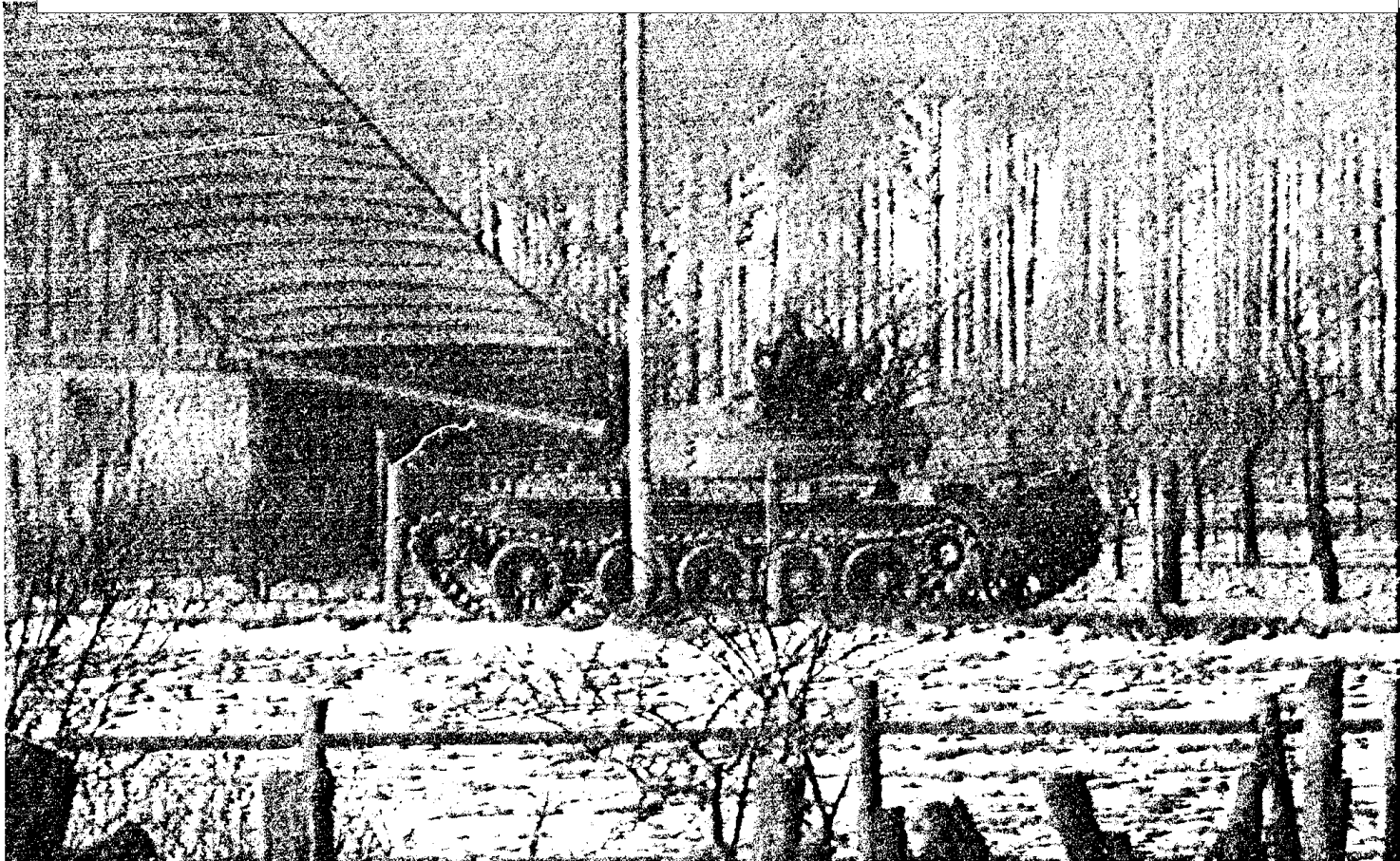


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